



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Barry N. Kreiswirth et al. : Attorney Docket 19124.0002

Application No. 09/656,084 : Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: September 6, 2000 : Examiner: M. Sheinberg

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRACKING AND CONTROLLING INFECTIONS

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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action issued January 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 9 and 37 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of [performing real-time infection control] tracking spread of infectious bacteria, comprising:

obtaining a sample of a [microorganism] bacterium;

sequencing a first region of [a] deoxyribonucleic acid from the [microorganism]

bacterium sample, the first region comprising a plurality of repeating sequences of nucleotides;

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